

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Makoto SASAKI et al. : Attn: BOX PCT  
Serial No. 10/049,823 : Docket No. 2002-0255A  
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METHOD FOR PRODUCING CYCLIC :  
POLYETHER COMPOUNDS :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

*Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 12 on page 11 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:*

Furthermore, the catalyst was changed to Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/o-(di-t-butylphosphino)biphenyl, which was reported as being effective in proceeding the coupling reaction in high yield at room temperature (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1999, 121, 9550-9561); the reaction was carried out in dioxane at room temperature for 24 hours.